

State might cut UT budget

By Shabab Siddiqui & Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

At a Staff Council meeting Thursday, UT Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty said it was still unclear how statewide budget cuts proposed by Gov. Rick Perry's office could impact the University.

All state agencies, including the UT System, may have to make 5-percent cuts to their budgets beginning in 2011, according to a letter issued by Perry's office on Jan. 15.

"We have to figure out what we're facing first," Hegarty said. "We don't know the nature of the cut or the size of the cut."

The letter, signed by Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus, asks agencies to identify "savings in priority increments" and to submit their proposals to the governor's office by Feb. 15.

Hegarty said the University is trying to sort through several uncertainties presented by the proposed statewide budget cuts,

such as whether they are a one-time cutback or a permanent, recurring reduction.

"If it's a one-time thing, we can take a look at cash balances we've accumulated over the years and try to write a check," Hegarty said. "But if it's a recurring thing, then we're going to need to make some major changes."

Hegarty said UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, as well as the Board of Regents, will also need to determine how to distrib-

ute the proposed cuts. The UT System encompasses nine public Texas universities and six health institutions, with each receiving different levels of state funding. Hegarty said a 5-percent cut would cost the System about \$200 million total while it would cost UT about \$29 million.

Hegarty said the state's reduction request is a result of lower-than-anticipated sales-tax revenues due to people spending less

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Senior academic adviser Jackie Dana speaks out at the Staff Council meeting held Thursday afternoon.

Survey examines graduate student views of program

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Starting Feb. 7, graduate students will have the opportunity to tell UT administrators more of what they want from the University.

A survey created by sociology professor Chandra Muller and a team of three graduate students will examine how graduate students view their academic training, quality of life, department environment, work-family balance, mentoring and advising. Although other universities such as the University of Michigan and the University of California, Berkeley have conducted broad surveys of graduate students, Muller said UT's study, the first of its kind at the University, is broader in scope. It fully encompasses both academic and external aspects of graduate-student life and can be used for all disciplines and schools.

Muller's team modeled the survey after a 2008 gender-equity forum held for faculty and staff that sought information about discrepancies in pay, hiring, promotion and governance. As was the case with the faculty forum, the team hopes to use the results of the graduate-student study as a springboard from which to submit policy recommendations to the administration.

"We know pressingly little about graduate education in terms of what works and what doesn't," Muller said. "We're hoping to inform the University administration about how to improve life here for graduate students and

make it so they can be more successful in their pursuits."

Sociology graduate student Anna Mueller, one member of Muller's team, said she believes the survey accurately evaluates the key aspects of graduate-student life in a comprehensive manner. While creating the survey, the team consulted with students from all of UT's graduate departments to help form a wide range of questions. As a result, the survey will be vital in informing the administration about what graduate students are looking for in their programs, Mueller said.

"I'm excited that instead of just submitting complaints or talking about problems within departments, the survey will be able to pick up the more macro-level problems at UT," she said.

Daniel Spikes, Graduate Student Assembly president and educational administration graduate student, said he hopes the survey will serve as a new link between students and the administration. In an effort to increase participation in the survey, Spikes said the assembly has been working to encourage students to respond once the survey comes out by sending them informative e-mails.

"This survey shows the University is really interested in hearing what we have to say about what helps us to be successful and improves our experience," Spikes said. "I think students will be encouraged and empowered to give their voice. For those who are not, it's our responsibility as the GSA

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Troopers arrest Capitol shooter



A man peers out of a window as Texas Department of Public Safety officers investigate a shooting that occurred at the south entrance of the Texas Capitol Thursday afternoon.

Gunman charged with deadly conduct after firing shots into air

By Bobby Longoria
Daily Texan Staff

A normal Thursday on the Capitol grounds, complete with tourists snapping photos and families lying on the grass, was cut short moments after noon when a man on the south steps raised a handgun and fired several rounds into the air.

Within a minute, Texas

Department of Public Safety troopers apprehended the man, who presented some resistance as he was taken away, said DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange. The man has been identified as Fausto Cardenas, a 24-year-old resident of the Houston area who is now being held at the Travis County Jail on charges of deadly conduct.

"I commend the [DPS] troopers who responded swiftly to a shooter on the south steps of the state Capitol," said Gov. Rick Perry in a statement Thursday. "Thanks to their efforts, no one was injured, and the shooter was apprehended immediately and taken into custody."

Cardenas was not aim-

ing at any person on the grounds, and he did not fire at troopers, said DPS spokeswoman Aidee Trotter.

There is no report of injuries, and as of Thursday afternoon, it had not been released whether the man was using a legally registered weapon. Officials said they

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Campus lab aids energy conservation research

By Michael Moran
Daily Texan Staff

The School of Architecture unveiled a new laboratory this week that may help businesses and homes conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Werner Lang, a UT architecture professor and head of UT's new Thermal Lab, explains the details of the lab's data-loggers behind him on Thursday.



Peyton McGee
Daily Texan Staff

The Thermal Lab is open to both professors and students for learning and experiments. Sitting on a steel support structure protruding from the south face of the West Mall Office Building, the lab is the first of its kind in the nation.

Researchers will use data from 72 sensors to test the ability of various blinds, shutters and types of glass to reflect sunlight and trap cool air. The sensors, located inside and outside the lab, measure the temperature and power consumption of the lab's cooling and heating systems.

The total cost of the lab was about \$240,000, the most expensive part being the steel structure that supports the lab, which cost about \$160,000. The School of Architecture, in collaboration with the Cockrell School of Engineering and private contractors, constructed the lab, which measures 14 feet by 16 feet and is 10 feet tall.

According to UT's Center for Sustainable Development, commercial buildings use up to 55 percent of the electricity in America. Lighting, heating and air conditioning appliances consume most of the power in those

buildings. One of the aims of researchers working in the lab is to develop materials that will allow a building to produce more energy than it consumes.

The School of Architecture partnered with the Pecan Street Project to develop shades, coated windows and photovoltaic panels, which convert sunlight into electrical energy, to be used on building facades.

Werner Lang, a UT architecture professor and head of the lab, proposed the idea to the UT administration in 2007 as part of his application to become a professor. He said the lab is necessary because individuals studying architecture need hands-on experience.

Despite the lab's lengthy construction time, Lang says he is excited that the lab is ready for experiments.

"The lab was [a] prototype and had not been done before,"

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Austin ranks high among 'most congested' US cities

By Rachel Burkhart
Daily Texan Staff

Austin is catching up to Los Angeles when it comes to traffic congestion, according to news Web site The Daily Beast.

By comparing travel times during and after rush-hour traffic, the Web site ranked the 75 cities with the worst commutes in the country. Austin placed fourth, while Los Angeles topped the chart.

The Daily Beast relied on information garnered from INRIX, a traffic services company that aggregates information from more than 1.5 million drivers on its network. Of all the major choke points in the Austin metropolitan area, which encompasses Travis, Hays, Bastrop, Caldwell and Williamson counties, northbound Interstate Highway 35, especially

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According to a recent study, Austin has the fourth-worst traffic in the nation.

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CORRECTIONS

Because of an editing error, the concluding quote of a front-page story in Thursday's edition of The Daily Texan about UT students attending the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen was incomplete. The entire quote should read, "Maybe it was a little premature, but at least it got everyone up and on the same page," said environment graduate student M. Anwar Sounny-Slitine. "At least the idea now is everyone in the world paid attention to this, and the countries on their own can make progress."

Turbokickboxing instructor Christina Stylianou's name was misspelled in Thursday's front-page story about Preview Week at Gregory Gym.

The Texan regrets the error.

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Texas Rangers gather in front of the Texas Capitol after a man fired several shots into the air on the south steps Thursday afternoon.

Peter Franklin
Daily Texan Staff

CAPITOL: Suspect visited state senator before incident

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were unsure of a motive.

Concealed handguns are allowed on Capitol grounds with an appropriate license. An un-concealed weapon is allowed as long as it is registered with the individual. However, the DPS troopers who serve as security on the grounds are allowed to turn away any person who poses a potential danger, Mange said.

"We will look at this incident and see if there is anything that

we need to change," Mange said.

The Capitol was closed to the public for the remainder of Thursday and was only open to DPS troopers and employees with badges.

Before firing from the south steps, Cardenas visited the office of state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, on the third floor of the Capitol. Logan Spence, Patrick's chief of staff, said Cardenas walked in wearing a bulky leather jacket with his hands in

his pockets.

He was not a familiar face in the office, yet he immediately requested the attention of the legal counsel on staff, a woman in her early 20s, Spence said.

"It's not unusual to have somebody come up and have beef," he said.

Cardenas requested a private audience with the woman, and they talked in a separate, unused office for less than 10 minutes.

Spence said Cardenas ap-

peared agitated and nervous, and during the conversation, he kept his hands in his pockets. There was no visible weapon on his person, Spence said. After Spence stepped near the conversation to quell the discussion, the man conceded and left. Spence then contacted security.

Soon after, Spence said he heard four shots and looked down on the Capitol steps through an office window to see the man being tackled.

Spence said that he has seen varying degrees of confrontations within the Capitol, such as when people are being overtly loud, but prior to Thursday, he had yet to encounter someone wielding a weapon.

"I don't think this was personal. I don't think it was directed at [the senator] or any one of us, but who knows?" Spence said. "It's sobering to realize that we kind of had a brush with death. We were protected from what could have happened."

LAB: UT facility functions as resource for experimentation

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Lang said. "It took longer than I hoped it would."

School of Architecture Dean Fritz Steiner said the lab offers an opportunity for students to get involved in research.

"I think it's a facility that will be [a] real asset to our school and to the University," Steiner said. "It gives us a facility to test actual options and measure them for

different building systems."

Stefan Bader, an architecture graduate student and one of the researchers working with the lab, is taking baseline measurements of the lab so he can compare them to the measurements he obtains during future experiments. He plans on experimenting with a kind of shading system that will keep as much sunlight out of a building as possible, while still allowing people inside to see outside.

"The goal is to design a shading device specific to a climate," Bader said. "The second goal is to design something really cool that hasn't been done before."

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er did not display enough clues that would have indicated she was intoxicated. Due to the fact the officer detected the odor of alcohol on the driver's breath and the student was under the legal age of 21, she was issued a field release citation for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol by a Minor. As the investigation continued, the officer detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the passenger's breath. The passenger, a UT student admitted he had been drinking but declined to say where. The officer issued the passenger a field release citation for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. Both subject where released to a sober friend after the vehicle was impounded. In addition to the law enforcement actions taken the driver received a written warning for Speeding. Occurred on: 1-21-10, at 2:17 AM.

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Honduras' interim President Roberto Micheletti, center, and his wife Siomara de Micheletti, right, wave as they arrive at a graduation ceremony for students of an alternative public education program in Tegucigalpa on Jan. 5.

Interim President leaves Honduran palace early

By Fredds Cuevas

The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Honduran interim President Roberto Micheletti said Thursday that he will move out of the presidential palace and avoid public appearances six days before the newly elected leader's inauguration. He did not resign.

Micheletti said he is voluntarily withdrawing from the spotlight and leaving his Cabinet in charge of day-to-day operations to ease the way for President-elect Porfirio Lobo, who is scheduled to be sworn in Wednesday.

"I am going home to my house, for the peace of the nation and because I do not want to be an obstacle to the new government," Micheletti told the Channel 5 television station.

Micheletti made clear that his role as head of the interim government had not ended.

"I am not resigning, I am just going away temporarily," he said. "In the coming days I will adopt a lower public profile and step

aside, so the new government has more room to act."

The interim leader also said he would attend Lobo's inauguration.

Congress named Micheletti acting president after President Manuel Zelaya was ousted from office in a June 28 coup. Micheletti took a similar informal leave during the Nov. 29 presidential elections. The constitution allows the president to be absent from office for up to 15 days at a time.

Lobo won the election, but many nations have refused to recognize the results because they opposed the coup and also were concerned when the interim government shuttered some opposition news media outlets and imposed curfews.

Micheletti clung to the office and ignored international calls to reinstate Zelaya, a decision that led the United States to freeze millions of dollars of aid. The U.S. has since indicated that it accepts the election results, however.

Zelaya was ousted after refus-

ing to drop a campaign for a referendum related to changing the constitution, which the Supreme Court ruled illegal.

Zelaya remains holed up at the Brazilian Embassy in the capital, Tegucigalpa, where he took refuge after sneaking back into the country in September. He says he is still president until next week and will announce his next move after that.

Micheletti has said Zelaya faces arrest on treason and abuse of power charges if he leaves the embassy but has suggested he could request asylum in some other country.

Lobo has said he supports an amnesty for Zelaya and the coup perpetrators alike. On Wednesday, he signed an agreement with Dominican President Leonel Fernandez to allow Zelaya to travel to the Dominican Republic as Fernandez's guest.

Honduran chief prosecutor Luis Alberto Rubi said that any such agreement would not cancel out the charges against Zelaya.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Mother accused of child killings remains unfit to appear in court

DEDHAM, Mass. — A Massachusetts woman charged in the deaths of her 9-year-old daughter and unborn son has been arraigned on murder and manslaughter charges, but an evaluation done for the court found her still incompetent to face trial.

Authorities say Fang Chi-Xue fatally stabbed her 9-year-old daughter in April and stabbed herself in the abdomen, killing her unborn baby. She is also accused of trying to strangle her 14-year-old daughter, who told police her mother believed her husband was going to leave her.

Chi-Xue was arraigned Thurs-

day in Norfolk Superior Court. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf after the judge was told she remains mentally incompetent.

She is due back in court March 12, when a new report on her competency is due.

Munich Airport explosives scare brings promises of investigation

BERLIN — German authorities were searching Thursday for a roughly 50-year-old man who left a screening area with his laptop after it had triggered an alert for possible explosives.

The security employee at Munich Airport who had ordered the check on the man's laptop — then lost track of him after he had passed through the scanner — was suspend-

ed Thursday, Christoph Hillenbrand, the president of Upper Bavaria told reporters.

The incident occurred Wednesday afternoon, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate and part of the airport's Terminal 2 to be closed for several hours.

German Interior Minister Thomas De Maiziere has promised to launch a thorough investigation, and to determine whether security measures at Munich Airport were sufficient.

Wednesday's incident appeared to have been a false alarm, triggered by a passenger in a hurry to catch his plane who was unaware of what had happened, but prosecutors in Landslut have launched a preliminary investigation into the incident.

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Court considers pros, cons of modifying drinking age

By John Curran

The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Appealing to Vermont's independent streak, the former president of Middlebury College said Thursday the state is an ideal place to try returning the legal drinking age to 18.

John McCardell, who also founded the nonprofit Choose Responsibility, told lawmakers at a Statehouse hearing that a federal law has stifled debate on a worthy idea.

The 1984 enactment of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act required states to raise the age to 21 or risk losing federal transportation money.

Vermont lawmakers are considering a pair of bills — one to drop the drinking age to 18, the other to ask the state's congressional delegation to urge Congress to authorize waivers to states and not punish them by withholding funding.

Under the current law, states that don't maintain the 21-year-old minimum risk losing 10 percent of their annual federal transportation funding.

McCardell argues that the higher age encourages unsafe drinking by driving young people into locked dorm rooms, off-campus apartments and farm fields to do their consuming.

"We can either try to change the reality, which has been our attempt since 1984, and which, as is always the case in times of prohibition, has simply failed. Or we can, through enlightened public policy, create the safest possible environment for the reality," he told a legislative committee.

But Johns Hopkins professor David Jernigan told members of the House General Housing and Military Affairs committee

that lowering the drinking age would result in young people experimenting with alcohol at an earlier age than they do now. Whatever problems the 21 minimum hasn't addressed should be handled with education, increased taxes on alcohol and more study, he said.

Scientists, he said, know more about the makeup of the adolescent brain than they did when the law was enacted, namely that the part of the brain that exercises

judgment develops substantially later than the part that seeks out reward and risk.

State Rep. John Moran said he opposes a lower drinking age but believes the decision should be Vermont's, not Washington's.

"We don't want the federal government to tell the state of Vermont. This is an issue the state of Vermont should be discussing, as we've done today," said Moran, D-Wardsboro.



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A Texas education

A meeting last week at which the State Board of Education was set to vote on revisions to social-studies curricula for Texas public-school students ended with little to show for it, as an extended debate between conservatives looking to edit American history forced the board to push a vote on the matter back to March.

The board's efforts to color curriculum to its liking are not new — or surprising. Controversy concerning social-studies standards arose after a months-long debate over science curricula resulted in a slight victory last year for the 15-member board's seven archconservatives, who pushed for standards that would question evolutionary concepts.

But the board hit new heights of inanity at last week's meeting, during which conservative members decried Texas' curricula for what they called its "leftist" references, looking to instead portray the United States through historical sanitization — as a nation of pure, mostly white do-gooders succeeding in a Christian vacuum.

Board member Don McLeroy, a Republican who called current standards "rife with leftist political periods and events," led a push for the inclusion of references to the influence of Christianity and conservative political groups in modern American history. McLeroy, who represents College Station, also favored a move to use the word "expansionism" in place of "imperialism" in curricula. Barbara Cargill, a border member and fellow Republican from The Woodlands, defended a recommendation to accentuate American social unity, which she argued eliminates the need to highlight racial and gender groups' contributions to society.

In a particularly illustrative move, McLeroy also petitioned the board to remove a reference to hip-hop as a substantive American arts movement. The reference should be replaced, he suggested, with country-western music.

Curricula certainly do require a variety of objective viewpoints to adequately chronicle American history for impressionable young students, and claims of liberal bias in curricula may not be entirely baseless. But the attempt to paper over painful periods of U.S. history to satisfy American exceptionalism amounts to a Fox News approach to curriculum revision — bringing balance to a supposedly one-sided system not through thoughtful analysis and adjustment but by deluding an audience with thinly veiled propaganda from the other side.

We're encouraged, at least, that the delayed vote will allow Texans additional time to consider the implications of the board's attempts to mold the minds of young Texans in its bombastically conservative image. We hope parents especially — even if they fall in line with the board's conservatism — remember that an education is a product of various worldviews, not just their own.

As for whether their children should listen to hip-hop or country, that's up to them.

— David Muto for the editorial board

GALLERY



Mack Brown's salary is on the right track



By Joshua Avelar
Daily Texan Columnist

A slew of controversy surrounds the December re-structuring of UT football head coach Mack Brown's contract, which gives him a salary raise from \$3 million to \$5 million per year. Most notably, UT faculty made their opinions known on the matter by passing a resolution declaring the raise "unseemly and inappropriate."

At first glance, the outrage expressed by our esteemed faculty has merit. President William Powers Jr. made many announcements in 2009 about budget cuts and hiring freezes, especially directed toward my beloved College of Liberal Arts.

The fact that Brown makes almost 25 times the salary of the average professor at the nationally esteemed UT School of Law (according to the Faculty Salary analysis) seems absurd at a time in which the recession has taken a great toll on the University's finances.

"College sports is viewed as an out-of-control train on a collision course with academia," said integrative biology professor David Hillis to the Austin American-Statesman. "Right now, UT is stoking this train to make it run ever faster."

However, as noted in the athletic department's Web site, absolutely no state funds support this UT auxiliary. In his blog titled "Tower Talk," Powers describes the athletics department as a "self-sustaining" program. That

is an understatement because the athletics program is self-perpetuating its own growth.

The Longhorn Foundation raises funds annually for the athletics program, and these funds go to the athletics department as a whole, not just football. UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds revolutionized the way college sports are funded by making deals with advertisers — as remarkably seen on the Godzillatron at football games — in order to make up for funding that would usually come at the expense of academic budgets. The football program has also quadrupled its revenue during Brown's tenure.

Brown's salary should not concern UT faculty members because it does not come from the same pool of money as their own salary or department funding. Professors at the University have as much reason to worry about Brown's salary as they do the salary of Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips. UT students even have an optional athletic fee, which is something that students at UT-San Antonio cannot claim, even though they have a much less exciting and profitable program to support.

Powers further states in his blog that less than 10 percent of total gifts to the University actually go to athletics. Many faculty members would still claim that 9 percent or so of these gifts is still too much and that academics could use as much money as it can get.

However, there is no way to be sure that the athletic department's donors would have allocated their funds to ac-

ademics if no athletic department were to exist on campus. Not every Longhorn fan is a UT alumnus, or even a UT dropout. Even if a donor does have a degree from this fine institution, there is still no way to be sure that he or she would prioritize their donations to academics over athletics.

Powers has a lot on his plate right now as he is responsible for the future of a great University in a not-so-great financial situation. Thankfully, bailing out the athletics department is not on his agenda, nor does it need to be.

The professors at UT, as well as anybody else, have the right to believe Brown is overpaid for what he does. Yet, the fact still remains that the two "trains" Hillis was referring to run on different tracks.

If faculty want someone or something to blame for a football coach making a salary that no professor would dare to dream of, then they can direct their frustration to the society around them that produces this obsession with sports and leads people like me to spend a ridiculous amount of money to watch them (thanks, BCS Championship ticket price gougers!).

If they have a problem with this culture, then they as professors theoretically have the power to influence the culture with the books and essays they publish — that is, as long as they make it a point not to use any of the \$6.6 million that the athletic department has directly attributed to academic programs over the last three years in order to fund academic research.

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SURVEY: Anonymous poll ensures candid responses

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to show those students that their input is valuable.”

Graduate sociology professor Kelly Raley was a key member in the execution of the gender-equity forum. She said she expects certain features of the graduate-student study, including anonymity and the broadness of the questions, will provide useful data.

“One advantage of an anonymous survey is that students can more honestly report the barriers they experience in their education than they might report to their advisers,” Raley said. “If a female graduate student is really concerned about how her family life may shape her career, she may not tell her adviser that because her adviser is more invested in her career prospects than her personal life. But having an anonymous survey can help us collect whether family life is or is not a concern.”

Muller said that because

her team is composed almost entirely of graduate students, its results will be more significant than those of a survey produced by an outside firm, and the survey itself will be more cost-effective.

“This has been fueled almost entirely by graduate-student work, and I think that gives it more credibility,” Muller said. “They have a lot of ownership. I’ve been helping and making sure it’s a sound study, but this is graduate-student-driven. We’re not an outside firm that’s super costly. We’re committed to this for the purpose of improving graduate education, not for making money.”

Surveys will be delivered to the roughly 12,000 graduate and law students via e-mail. Students will have until at least the start of spring break to respond to the surveys. There are no immediate plans to expand the survey to include undergraduate students, Muller said.

A ‘PEASEFUL’ WALK



A man walks through the Pease Park Disc Golf Course during sunset on Thursday. Warming temperatures drew Austinites to the park to workout and relax.

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BUDGET: Medicaid, retirement exempt from budget cuts

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during the recession. He said the state is likely waiting for a few more returns before making a final decision whether to require the budget cuts.

The letter also cites costs associated with pending federal legislation as reasons for the pre-emptive cuts. Mike Wintemute, spokesman for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, said both health care and clean energy bills could dip into state revenue.

“There is some concern as to whether elements of that legislation could cost businesses in general,” Wintemute said.

He said if upcoming budgetary reports prove to be more positive, the specific percentage cut is likely to change.

“If reductions are necessary, the goal is to ensure that they are done in a way that it doesn’t impact essential programs,” Wintemute said. “There is no magic to the 5-percent number.”

Certain agencies and programs, however, are not included in the potential budget cuts. Medicaid programs, health and human services, retirement ben-

efits, institutions of public education and the state debt are exempt from the request.

Benjamin Rodriguez, staff member at the UT Libraries, said the University would not be able to retain some of its current staff without providing salary increases, especially when other entities begin to hire more employees as the economy improves. Powers implemented a University-wide staff salary freeze on Feb. 11, 2009, which will not be lifted until the beginning of the next school year.

The proposed budget cuts are separate from a decision made five months ago by University officials to reallocate \$5 million of UT’s budget. The funds, reserved for retaining non-tenure faculty positions, would be used to recruit top faculty. Hegarty said even without the state’s budget cut, the University will still need to reallocate money to increase salaries.

“It’s a challenge,” Hegarty said. “We have to provide for some sort of a salary increase, [or else we] lose a competitive advantage. I understand the level of angst on this campus is really high.”

TRAFFIC: Houston, Dallas make traffic list’s top 20

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near the Riverside Drive exit, sees the most hours of congestion, according to the site.

The number of UT students living on and driving to and from campus along Riverside Drive may contribute to the amount of congestion on the interstate. Student housing apartments along Riverside Drive are well known for their comparatively inexpensive rents, which accounts for the large number of students commuting from the area.

“I used to drive, and I would have to leave an hour before,” said Nico Robinson, an applied learning and development junior. “I used to park at the baseball stadium and take the bus from there.”

Robinson moved from his apartment on Riverside Drive to a more convenient location in West Campus. He and his roommate moved largely because the journey to and from school was such a hassle, he said.

Economics junior Harry Carrothers, a former resident of Denver, Colo., finds Austin traffic to be unusually congested.

“The road system is terrible, and I know a lot of people who agree with that,” Carrothers said. “Maybe it’s the way it’s set up.”

Kara Kockelman, professor at the Cockrell School of Engineering and UT traffic expert,

attributes heavy traffic on the downtown portion of I-35 to a combination of geography and design.

“It’s very unusual to have a major travel corridor interstate that close to the heart of a significant metro region,” Kockelman said.

The Texas Triangle, encompassing Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston, is a heavily traveled region. When combined with downtown rush-hour traffic, conditions throughout the five metro areas can be disastrous, she said.

The double-deck solution to the I-35 traffic problem makes the highway even more accident prone, Kockelman added. With fewer lane choices, drivers find difficulty maneuvering around accidents — and avoiding them. The interstate’s short, “slip” ramps terminate in dead-end concrete pillars and leave drivers little merge and weave space.

Other Texas cities featured on The Daily Beast’s list include Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso. None of these cities were in the top 10, although Houston’s Loop 610 came close at 12th, as did Dallas-Fort Worth’s Loop 820 at 15th. The top three “Highways to Hell” were Hollywood Freeway in Los Angeles, Lunalilo Freeway in Honolulu and Capital Beltway in Washington, D.C.

COLUMN

For Texas, two is the loneliest number



Michael Sherfield
Daily Texan
Columnist

One more strike. One last set. One final drive.

All of those phrases have been on the lips of those wearing burnt orange in the past few months. All of them were uttered in defeat after a Texas team came close to a national championship but faltered.

It's been the best and worst of times around the 40 Acres recently. Three different Longhorn teams came within touching distance of a title, but all came home empty-handed.

It started, of all places, on the outskirts of Omaha, Neb., when a humid day gave way to one hell of a baseball game. It was game one of the College World Series final, No. 1-seed Texas versus No. 1-ranked Louisiana State.

The Longhorns were winning games like no one had seen before, a 10-6 come-from-behind victory against the best pitcher in college baseball sandwiched between a walk-off walk — yes, you read that correctly — and a walk-off home run.

The Tigers were steam-rolling opponents with power hitting and pitching, but

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Horns need their 'big man'



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Senior center Dexter Pittman, left, and senior forward Damion James, right, get ready for an inbound pass in a game at the Frank Erwin Center. Texas hopes to bounce back Saturday against UConn after losing its first game of the season to Kansas State.

Texas, Dexter Pittman ready to bounce back against Connecticut

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

This season's game plan was devised around Dexter Pittman. It took a while, but opposing teams figured out how to stop him.

"It's no secret anymore. Everyone knows what I'm going to do," Pittman said. "I've

started working on my left hand now because people sit on my left shoulder and take away my right-hand look."

A mantra for the Longhorns was, "Get the big man going early."

The Texas offense sputtered as Pittman struggled to establish himself early in games.

"[Early touches] help a lot, because I can put my foot in the water and see what [the opponent] is going to do — if they're going to come double me or sit back like they normally do," Pittman said. "If you don't get a feel for it, you're not going to know what to expect."

Since Texas' Big 12 opener against Colorado, Pittman hasn't been taking advantage of his 6-foot-10-inch frame. In the previous four games, Pittman has only scored 20 points and has shot 7-of-20 from the field, turning the ball over

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SIDELINE

NCAA Men's Top 25

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Columbus 3
Boston 2

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Women's Track and Field head to College Station

The No. 15 Texas women's track and field team travel to Gilliam Indoor Stadium in College Station on Saturday to face top-ranked Texas A&M for a dual meet.

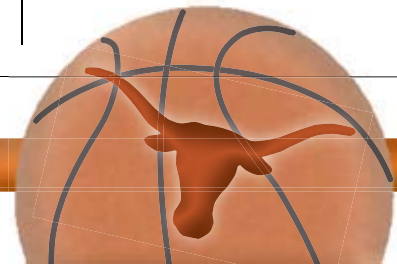
The Horns started the season last weekend at the Leonard Milton Memorial/Texas A&M Invite where senior Jordyn Brown finished first in shot put with a toss of 50-feet-8-inches and the weight throw (57-feet-4.75-inches).

Texas returns four All-Americans this season along with a talented group of freshmen ready to face off against the Aggies.

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Kansas: The Jayhawks reclaimed their spot atop the Big 12 standings with Texas' loss and a three-game win streak. Kansas proved it's worthy of the top spot with an 81-75 win over No. 24 Baylor on Wednesday. Up next: at Iowa State.



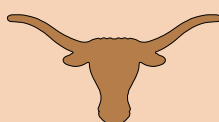
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Kansas State: The Wildcats upset top-ranked Texas last week and showed that they're deeper than guards Denis Clemente and Jacob Pullen. K-State has a balanced attack and can create matchup problems. Up next: Oklahoma State.



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Texas: The Longhorns still hold the No. 1 spot nationally — but not for long. They'll fall thanks to a loss to K-State and lackluster performances against Iowa State and Texas A&M. Texas needs a win in Storrs to prove it is a top-five team. Up next: at Connecticut.



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Missouri: Despite losing key players from last year's squad, the Tigers are on the rise. Prior to its loss at Oklahoma this week, Mizzou had won nine straight, including an upset over Kansas State. Up next: Nebraska.



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Baylor: The Bears have looked like a trendy pick for a dark-horse run for the Big 12 South title but have lost two of their last three. The loss at Kansas is forgivable. The one at 10-8 Colorado, not so much. Up next: Massachusetts.



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Oklahoma State: The Cowboys have only lost four games, but two of those losses came in their last three. They recovered with a convincing win over Colorado. Up next: at Kansas State.



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Key Matchup

In Saturday's game against Connecticut, Texas clearly has the advantage on the court. Its freshmen are among the most talented in the nation and provide the type of depth that most coaches dream about. The Horns also have the senior leadership, a welcome change from the norm in Austin, that has led them to a No. 1 ranking and a 17-1 start to the season. But before Tuesday, the matchup between the coaches on the sidelines clearly favored the Huskies.

Jim Calhoun, UConn's head coach, pulled an Urban Meyer and announced Tuesday that he was taking a leave of absence due to medical reasons. Actually, maybe Meyer pulled a Calhoun, given that this is the Calhoun's fourth medical leave. Last year, Calhoun missed the last game of the regular season and the first game of the NCAA tournament due to dehydration. In his career, he has missed all or part of a total of 22 games.

Calhoun's absence from the sidelines means the Huskies will be without a two-time national champion coach with three Final Four appearances and the title "Hall of Famer." Without words of wisdom from Calhoun, Connecticut will have to turn to George Blaney, UConn's 70-year-old assistant who takes the reigns when Calhoun goes down. Calhoun's absence and Blaney's presence tip the scales toward Rick Barnes when it comes to the coaching matchup.

That's not to say Blaney isn't a capable coach. He's served as head coach at a few Division-I programs, most notably Seton Hall and Holy Cross, and led his teams to both the NCAA tournament and the NIT. But he's still not UConn's usual head coach, and he certainly isn't Barnes. Barnes has led Texas to a Final Four appearance and its first-ever No. 1 ranking. In the process, he's registered a 264-94 mark on the 40 Acres, easily making him Texas' all-time winningest coach.

With Barnes' experience and the team's familiarity with him at the helm, as opposed to the Huskies' lack of familiarity with Blaney, Barnes gives Texas a decided advantage on the sidelines Saturday in Storrs, Conn.

—Chris Tavares

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Texas searches for consistency

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

With their latest victory, the Longhorns responded to critics who believed they could not fight back in rough times. The team now has a new question to answer: Can they be consistent?

After winning Wednesday night’s duel against the potent offense of No. 12 Oklahoma State, the 20th-ranked Longhorns (12-5, 2-2 Big 12) have to set their sights on another Big 12 foe in Iowa State.

Though this season’s conference play is still relatively young, Saturday’s matchup against the Cyclones will be a definitive game for Texas. It will show the college basketball world whether or not the Longhorns are ready to take their team to an elite level.

Texas opened Big 12 play with two losses to Texas A&M and Nebraska. It also took a double overtime to beat a struggling Texas Tech team. Texas turned things around with a decisive win over Oklahoma State, but as head coach Gail Goostenkors has said, the Big 12 is not an easy conference to be in.

“Every team in this league is so talented, it’s really incredible. This league is defined by heart and hustle,” Goostenkors said before playing Oklahoma State. “It’s going to come down to that sense of urgency. It’s going to come down to making those big plays time and time again and diving for loose balls and doing all those little things that really make the big difference.”

Goostenkors knows that Texas can’t afford to lose very many more games in such a strong conference.

“I believe there will not be a team that goes through the league without a loss or two losses, so it’s still possible. We’ve got to take care of what we can and control our own destiny,” she said. “What that means is we have to go out and fight for every possession to get every single win you can.”

The Cyclones cannot afford to drop many more games, either. Also sitting at 2-2 in the conference, Iowa State is coming off an impressive win against Kansas. Perhaps what was most remarkable about their 53-42 victory was the Cyclones’ ability to shut down Danielle McCray, Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year. Kansas’ McCray entered the contest averaging 20.9 points per game but was held to just six points.

In order to win, Texas will have to prevent Cyclone star guard Alison Lacey from earning her 17th double-figure game of the season. With her points, Lacey moved up to seventh place on the ISU career scoring chart. Guarding her will most likely be Texas guard Yvonne Anderson. Anderson was applauded after Wednesday night’s game for her tough defense against Andrea Riley.

“I definitely showed that I can guard anybody,” Anderson said. “No matter what, I’m always going to get stops, and I’m always going to play hard.”



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore guard Yvonne Anderson, left, battles for the ball against Oklahoma State’s freshman guard Toni Young, right, during Wednesday’s 77-63 come-from-behind win at the Frank Erwin Center.

MEN’S TENNIS

Rival Arkansas provides first hurdle for Horns

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

Texas junior Kellen Damico is hoping it’s deja vu all over again.

“In my freshman year, we were ranked eighth in the pre-season, and we made it all the way to the national championship that year,” he said. “This year, we feel we’re a bit underrated starting off the season eighth, but we’re excited. We had a good recruiting class coming in. We feel we’re stronger than last year, and I know we’re a good tournament team.”

The No. 8 Longhorns open their dual-match season against Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. Damico knows even though the Razorbacks are only ranked No. 53, they will provide a formidable challenge.

“They lost their top player from last year, but Fayetteville is always a tough place to play,” Damico said. “Every time Texas faces Arkansas, it’s a nasty rivalry match because of the old Southwest Conference days. They’re definitely not a team that’s just going to roll over.”

Texas is the only team in the country to feature two ITA top-10 ranked singles players. Senior Dimitar Kutrovsky starts the sea-

son ranked fifth while junior Ed Corrie made a huge jump in the rankings from last year and is currently ranked ninth.

Senior Josh Zavala’s impressive individual season in the fall paid off as he is now No. 38 in the singles rankings; he and Kutrovsky form the ITA No. 22 doubles tandem. For the first time in his career, Damico is not featured in the singles rankings, mostly because he did not participate in many of the fall individual tournaments.

A pair of Texas freshmen also makes an appearance in the early-season rankings. Freshman Daniel Whitehead is at No. 84 while sophomore Vasko Mladenov from Bulgaria debuts at No. 104.

Arkansas’ only ranked player is No. 81 Chris Nott. The Razorbacks started their season Sunday with a tough defeat to No. 26 Washington. The Hogs swept the doubles point but then dropped four of the six singles and ultimately lost 4-3. Nott and senior Dmitry Lebedev were the two singles winners for Arkansas.

The match between the Horns and the Hogs will take place Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Arkansas’ Dills Indoor Tennis Center.

Longhorns want to see speed, improvement against defending champs

Without a strong veteran presence, Horns depend on everybody for success

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

A roster full of veterans led the Texas men’s track team in

the 2009 season. But the Longhorns won’t have that luxury this year after losing many key members and entering the season ranked 53rd.

While the season just started with a dual meet at Arkansas over the weekend, the team has been training since summer in

preparation for the spring 2010 competitions. Texas will face defending outdoor national champion Texas A&M in a dual meet on Saturday in College Station.

Texas coach Bubba Thornton stressed the importance of dual meets in preparation for the Big 12 Championships in February.

“Everyone on the team is important, and it’s a great team-builder,” Thornton said. “They feel the pressure and importance of getting up to the line. Some people have a problem competing the actual day of the event, so these meets are important for working out the details and [making sure] that guys aren’t distracted.”

Winning the dual meets isn’t of much importance to the Horns, though, as the team is solely looking for specific times to qualify athletes for nationals.

“We’re just looking for improvement and guys that can compete week after week,” Thornton said.

UT competed in its first dual meet over the weekend at Arkansas. Freshman Marquise Goodwin notched two provisional-qualifying marks by winning the 60-meter dash and the long jump, earning him Big 12 Athlete of the Week honors.

Thornton said that the team would limit Goodwin this weekend, however, as they try to ease him into the track season after he finished his football season at the Rose Bowl two weeks ago. Other runners are also transitioning between sports as many of the long-distance athletes competed for the cross-country team at the NCAA championships in November.

Thornton said that last week’s meet was great preparation for the team because Arkansas will



The Texas men’s track and field team gets pumped up before a meet. They take on the defending champion Aggies this weekend in College Station.

Paul Chouy
Daily Texan Staff

host the NCAA Indoor National Championships in March. Texas A&M has a very similar field that will help keep the team prepared.

Early dual meets are also important because they can help explain where the team’s weaknesses are and what events they need to work on. He downplayed the fact that Texas would be facing the defending outdoor champion Aggies this weekend, though.

“That was last year. Last time I looked, we beat them at the Big 12 Championships last spring,” Thornton said. “This is another year, and we’re just trying to focus on the Big 12 Championships right now.”

The Longhorns have finished in the top 10 at the NCAA Indoor Championships for the past seven seasons. They hope these early dual meets are the first steps to keeping that streak alive.

PITTMAN: Horns refocusing after recent loss

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10 times.

And while Pittman continues to struggle offensively, he has been a force to be reckoned with on defense.

“Dexter really has been much better defensively in the last couple of games,” said head coach Rick Barnes. “He’s really done everything we’ve asked him to do defensively. He’s put a lot of energy in that part of the game. But I think he’s going to have to do some more himself in terms of knowing where he wants to catch the ball, and he’s also going to have to do some other things, like screening to get himself open.”

Against Texas A&M and Kansas State, the Longhorns were dribbling too much, not looking for a second or third pass and shooting their way into double-digit half-time deficits.

“I think impatience and dribbling the ball too much account for the past few [slow starts],” Barnes said. “Dribbling the ball has become a major problem. When you don’t move the ball

and get stagnant with it, it allows the defense to solidify.”

Most of the players guilty of over-dribbling are underclassmen. “It’s a learning thing, and I think the younger guys really don’t understand the game well enough, like reversing the ball,” Pittman said. “I kind of blame myself

“Dribbling the ball has become a major problem. When you don’t move the ball and get stagnant with it, it allows the defense to solidify.”

— Rick Barnes
Men’s basketball head coach

and Damion [James] because we should have taught them. But we just gotta tell them, ‘Hey, you gotta reverse the ball, or it’s not going to work.’ It’s going to get better. It’s growing pains right now.”

If the Longhorns continue to

start games at a slower pace, they can expect to see more losses as their schedule only gets tougher.

Texas will play Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., tomorrow at 3 p.m. UConn has played plenty of ranked teams this season, including No. 7 Duke, No. 2 Kentucky, No. 12 Georgetown and No. 9 Pittsburgh. Though each of these games ended in a UConn loss, most of them were won by single digits.

This past week, UConn coach Jim Calhoun had to take a medical leave of absence. Because the Huskies will be without their legendary coach on Saturday, the Longhorns are ready to face a fiery UConn team.

“They’re going to come out with more emotion,” Pittman said. “Any team is going to come out with more emotion when they play Texas, anyway. I’m looking forward to the game because there are 7-footers, and I gotta go out and play those 7-footers. If I want to make a career out of this game, I have to show that I can play with 7-footers.”

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TENNIS

Texas hopes to continue streak

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

On the heels of an impressive 2009 fall season filled with individual victories and accomplishments, the Longhorns hope to continue their winning ways as they begin their 2010 regular season at home Saturday against Rice.

The Longhorns, ranked No. 31 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association preseason rankings, have won their previous three matches against the Owls, dating back to 2007. With all of last season's six singles starters and five of the six doubles starters returning this sea-

son, the Longhorns hope to make it four in a row.

"Rice is tough," said fifth-year head coach Patty Fendick-McCain. "I think it's going to be a great challenge for us."

Rice's head coach, Elizabeth Schmidt, is in her second year with the team. The Owls hope to rebound in 2010 from the team's 13-12 record in the 2009 season.

As the Longhorns begin the new season, the squad may very well look to the three players who earned ITA preseason singles rankings earlier this month. Star freshman Aerial Ellis made her

debut on the list at No. 22 while sophomore Krista Damico ranked No. 27, and senior Vanja Corovic rounded out the group at No. 59. Ellis garnered the attention of many as she not only competed in numerous tournaments during the fall season but also left her mark on October's ITA Texas Regional Championships, where she won the main singles draw.

Last spring, the squad made it to the finals of the Big 12 Championship and the round of 32 at the NCAA Championships, ending the season with a 17-8 overall record.

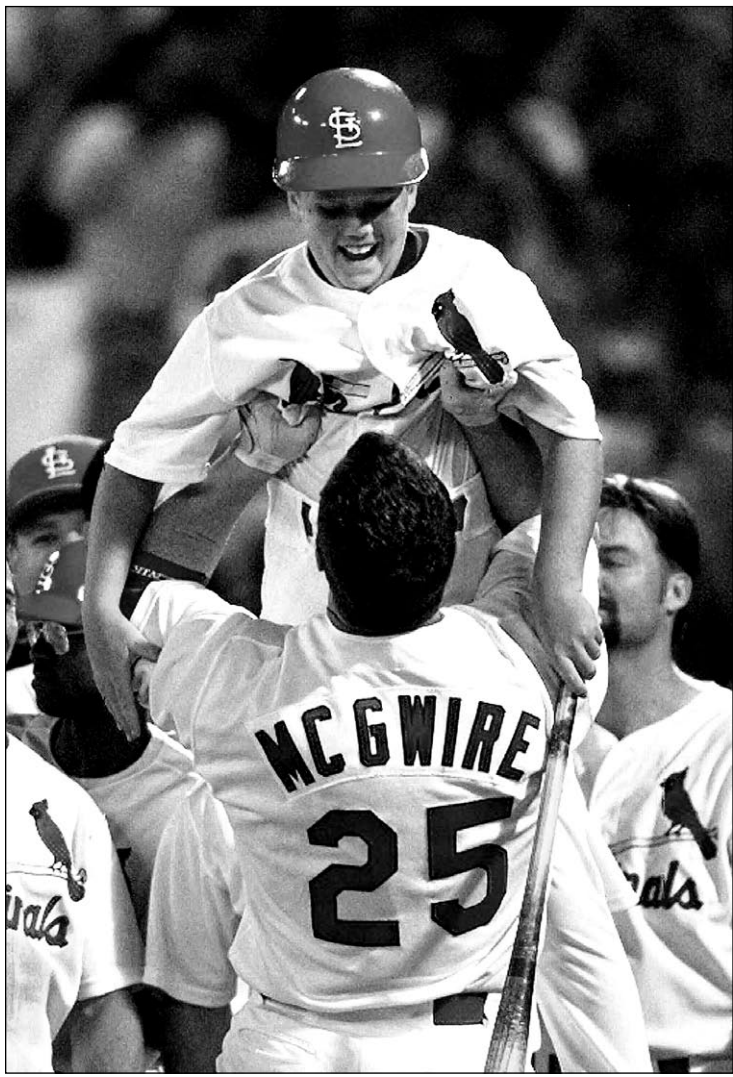
After almost a two-month break, the Horns resumed play last weekend at the Georgia Invitational in Athens, Ga., beginning the spring season on the right foot with players winning nine of 11 individual singles matches.

"Everybody came back ready to compete," Fendick-McCain said. "We played quite a bit of tennis and picked up a lot of good wins. We wanted to get ready for our first dual match."

The match against Rice will be played at Texas' Penick-Allison Tennis Center on Saturday at noon.

MLB

Jenkins wants more apologies from McGwire



Ed Reinke | Associated Press

St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire lifts his son Matt at home plate after hitting his record-setting 62nd single-season home run.

By Ronald Blum

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ferguson Jenkins says Mark McGwire owes an apology to all those pitchers who gave up his home runs.

The Hall of Fame ace sent an open letter to The Associated Press this week, telling the former home-run king: "You have not even begun to apologize to those you have harmed."

"How many pitchers do you think he ended their careers by hitting numbers of home runs off them?" Jenkins said during a telephone interview Wednesday.

Jenkins, a former Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers mound star, also maintained he would have known how to handle the bulked-up McGwire, who hit a then-record 70 homers in 1998 and followed with 65 the following year.

"It's tough to hit a home run off your back," Jenkins said. "In my era, Seaver, Gibson, Drysdale, Carlton — there were so many guys that would have probably knocked him on his butt. He wouldn't have hit home runs the way he did in that era."

Thirty years ago, Jenkins himself became one of the first players caught up in baseball's struggles with drug discipline. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn suspended Jenkins following the pitcher's arrest in Canada on charges of cocaine possession, but the penalty was overturned by an arbitrator less than two weeks later — the first time

a baseball commissioner's ruling was reversed. A judge gave Jenkins an absolute discharge: no fine, no jail term and no record.

Hired in October by manager Tony La Russa as hitting coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, McGwire last week admitted he used steroids for a decade, including when he broke Roger Maris' season home-run record in 1998. Jenkins is one of several Hall of Famers to criticize McGwire, a group that includes Goose Gossage and Carlton Fisk.

Hank Aaron has said he's willing to forgive McGwire, tied for eighth with 583 home runs.

"You have yet to apologize to all the pitchers you faced while juiced," Jenkins wrote. "You altered pitchers' lives. You may have shortened pitchers' careers because of the advantage you forced over them while juiced. Have you thought about what happened when they couldn't get you out and lost the confidence of their managers and general managers? You even managed to alter the place some athletes have achieved in record books by making your steroid-fueled run to the season home-run record."

Fifty-one pitchers gave up a total of 57 homers to McGwire in what turned out to be their final major-league seasons, according to STATS LLC, among them Bert Blyleven, Orel Hershisier, Dennis Martinez and Charlie Leibrandt.

LOSS: Longhorns coming up short in championship game

From page 7

through eight innings and two outs, Texas held on. The Longhorns rallied from an early deficit, survived an LSU surge in the middle innings and were one strike away from victory in game one.

Austin Dicharry threw a changeup, which made sense, seeing as it was his favorite pitch and the most important of his young career. One crack of aluminum later, the two Tigers on the bases were sliding home, sending the game to extra innings in which the Tigers would later pull off a win.

On the back of Taylor Jungmann's electric right arm, the Longhorns won game two, which would have secured them the title with one more strike the day before. They lost the deciding game three.

A few months later and more than a thousand miles away from Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, several young women must have been shaking their heads in disbelief. Playing against the most dominating team in volleyball history, No. 1 Penn State with its 100-match win streak, Texas had a two-set lead in the race to three.

Within a few points of the title that has eluded Texas for so long, the Longhorns lost three consecutive sets and the title.

The third time wasn't much of a charm. At the 7-yard line, down by three with three minutes to play, you might have heard how that turned out.

So instead of a historic year in athletics (Texas came second in men's swimming, too), the Longhorns have only an extended case of what might have been.

It's part of the blessing and the curse of Texas athletics. While most schools celebrate such success, even if it falls just short of the ultimate prize, second place isn't good enough around here.

But fear not, die-hard Longhorn fan. Even as the nets are being taken down at Gregory Gym and with the sting of the BCS title game still fresh, another Texas team is springing forward, ready to go that one step further.

The men's basketball team took the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history within days of the Rose Bowl defeat. Maybe there's hope yet for a national title.

That is, of course, assuming they don't have to play Kansas State again.



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Texas coach Mack Brown yells at the referee during Texas' loss at the BCS National Championship Game in Pasadena on Jan. 7.

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OLIVIA: Pastry chef’s repertoire ups menu’s breadth

From page 12

from Thunder Heart Bison. The choice to bring the ranchers is a testament to Holmes’ dedication to all-Texas, all-local Austin cuisine. Produce from Boggy Creek Farm will be featured on the menu as well.

Holmes is excited not only about the invitation to New York but also to welcome two new faces to his kitchen — pastry chef Taff Mayberry and chef de cuisine Andrew Francisco — since the departure of sous chef Morgan Dishman.

Mayberry is the more unique addition to the team since Olivia has never had a chef solely dedicated to pastries. Different chefs would take turns making pastries, Holmes said.

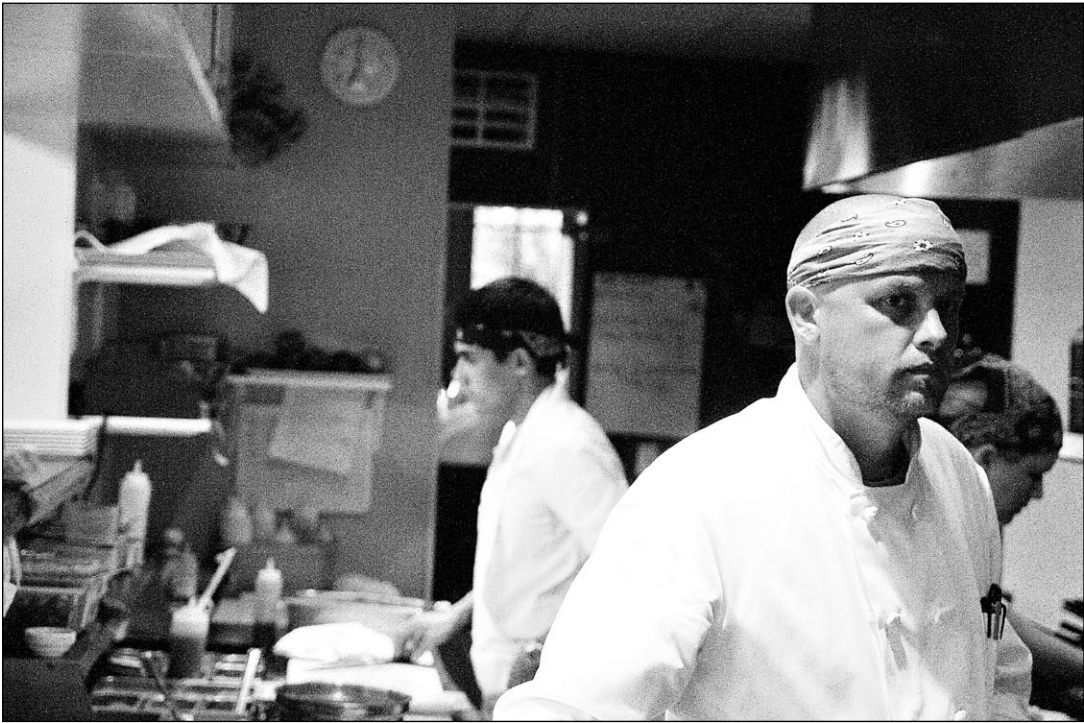
“We’ve never really had a strong pastry program, and I really wanted strong desserts to complement our dinner,” Holmes said of his decision to hire Mayberry.

Mayberry is also an Austin local, having worked as the pastry cook at the Four Seasons and, most recently, as the executive pastry chef of the Shoreline Grill.

Since joining the team, Mayberry has added three more desserts and more than 10 sorbets and ice creams to the menu, in addition to Olivia’s duck egg creme brulee and caramel apple pine nut bread pudding. Mayberry will also take over bread-making, which Olivia previously had outsourced.

“I want my desserts to be not only delicious but also visually striking,” Mayberry said.

One thing is for sure: Mayberry doesn’t take the old ad-



James Holmes is the head chef of Olivia, a local restaurant providing gourmet comfort food. Holmes and members of his staff will be traveling to New York to serve their cuisine at the James Beard House.

age “Cooking is an art, baking is a science” too seriously.

“Once you get enough experience, you have to use your creative freedom and experiment with textures and flavors. I’ve been in fine dining for a while, but Olivia certainly is very Austin. It is very down-to-earth and has that air of cool,” Mayberry said.

Francisco, the other new chef, shares his predecessor’s passion for all-local foods.

“Both of them appreciate the farm-to-table aspect [of Olivia],” Holmes said. “To me, that was most important.”

Born in Indiana and raised in Malaysia, Francisco first fell

in love with cuisine during his teenage years.

“Malaysia has this melting pot of Chinese-Indian flavors, and there is such a fusion of ingredients,” Francisco said.

However, most of Francisco’s cooking influence is classic French and Italian.

After returning to the states, Francisco attended and graduated from New York’s prestigious Culinary Institute of America and found his way to Austin.

“I had visited Austin before I went to school and always knew I wanted to end up back here,” Francisco said.

After working for reputa-

WHAT: Olivia

WHERE: 2043 S. Lamar Blvd.

WEB: olivia-austin.com

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parties, Hagins preferred acting and creating stories with friends. In lieu of scanning endless racks of shirts in every shade of pink at Limited Too, she could be found scoping out her dream video camera at the electronics store.

Her interest in film persisted and subsequently grew through countless trips down to the local cinemas with her mother, even seeing some films more than 10 times in theaters. Though Hagins was a fan of all types of movies, there was one genre that stood out to her: zombie films.

And so it began.

With no budget, but a wallet full of imagination, Hagins began planning her full-length zombie epic, “Pathogen.” The movie, with a cast of nearly 30 children and teenagers, was to include many bloody scenes and decapitations all while utilizing her one-person crew — her mom. She meticulously made decisions that only a 12-year-old would understand, claiming that zombies don’t run because “they’re zombies, and they’re dead.”

Through a stroke of fortune, the Austin Film Society, who had heard of Hagins’ determination and efforts, informed Mauck about the girl’s attempt to make a movie. Mauck, intrigued by the story, decided to team up with directors Justin Johnson and Aaron Marshall to film a documentary

following Hagins throughout her moviemaking process in 2006.

Hagins said that Mauck’s crew did not deter her from her goal.

“Looking back on [having the crews following me], I wasn’t thinking about it too much,” Hagins said. “I just had to keep it going one step at a time.”

The documentary, “Zombie Girl: The Movie,” is finally complete after two years of producing and has turned out to be a very solid film. It recognizes a talented young girl’s relentless passion and her struggle to do something she loves. Within the film, it’s interesting to note the conflicts between Hagins and her mother, who took on basically every behind-the-scenes duty except directing.

Occasional moments of tension aside, the movie is a very light-hearted and entertaining piece that is certain to inspire aspiring filmmakers everywhere.

Even though the documentary has already hit the screens, Hagins and Mauck are only beginning their film careers. Mauck has another documentary and narrative film set for release soon.

Hagins said her sights aren’t set quite yet. She is juggling college options — UT among them — but she did note that movies will always play an important role in her life.

“I like making movies so much that I don’t want it to end,” she said.

DEAD: Songs’ melodies ‘addictive’

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The Dead Trees’ “My Friend, Joan, She Never Asks,” with its combination of lullaby-like melodies and lyrics dripping with melancholia (“What was once well kept/is all falling down”).

But the bulk of The Dead Trees’ set mixes a laid-back spirit with the energy and grown-up angst that keep people on their feet. For instance, *King of Rosa’s* “OK

Standby” has all of the characteristics of an indie-rock single: catchy bass rhythms pushing foot-tapping drum progressions while lead guitar and vocals carry addictive melodies.

WHAT: The Dead Trees

WHERE: The Parish

WHEN: Saturday, 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$18

CRIBS: Collaboration with ‘legend’ doesn’t deter band’s antics

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brothers are used to the attention; They have, after all, been doing this for nearly a decade.

“I think it’s been so gradual for us, especially in the U.K.,” Ross Jarman said. “We’ve done every little venue all the way up to the

arenas. It’s definitely an unusual position — we are just in the band for fun. We didn’t go looking for a deal, it just came and found us.”

Those who have seen The Cribbs live in action know that the band is prone to onstage acts of extreme showmanship, which is the way English rock stars are apt

to behave. Think dramatic stage dives; broken guitars and amps; sweaty, convulsing crowds; and, of course, riotous indie rock as the entire backdrop. The addition of Marr, a veteran with nearly three decades of live experience, could have toned down some of the antics, but Ross Jarman asserted that things are more maniacal than ever.

“In Edinburgh, people started coming off the top of the barrier, and the stage completely collapsed,” Ross Jarman said with a mischievous giggle. “Luckily, nobody was hurt, but it could have been a lot worse.”

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English rockers to play Austin

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

In case you haven't heard, The Cribs are sort of a big deal.

The West Yorkshire band — composed of brothers Gary, Ryan and Ross Jarman, as well as ex-The Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr — has headlined the Leeds Festival, recently called “biggest cult band in the U.K.” by Q magazine and outsold all but two of The Beatles’ re-issued albums when their latest opus, *Ignore the Ignorant*, was released.

And now, Austin audiences get a chance to see the four Englishmen rock out Saturday night at The Parish.

“It’s been great. It’s really nice, ‘cause every time we come back, we end up playing for more people and bigger crowds,” said Ross Jarman, The Cribs’ drummer. “We’ve built up a really loyal fan base in, I think, an old-fashioned way of doing it. We played a bunch of really small shows when the band was just beginning, but now with [*Ignore the Ignorant*] being all over the magazines in the U.K. and U.S. ... Yeah, it’s great.”

He underplayed the degree of success behind the album, which cracked the No. 8 position on the U.K. charts and garnered four out of five stars from most music magazines across the pond. But what the music intelligentsia was most excited about prior to the album’s release was the addition of Marr, a veritable legend in the English music scene.

“Originally, we met Johnny at a barbecue at a friend’s



The Cribs’ most recent album, *Ignore the Ignorant*, reached No. 8 in the U.K. The release features the band’s new lineup, which now includes Johnny Marr, former guitarist for The Smiths.

house. Then we met at Glastonbury Festival, and we became friends,” Ross Jarman said. “We liked the same sort of things, and it’s logical to play music with other musicians. We really like what we were doing and didn’t want to stop that. We were definite-

ly fans of The Smiths and of Johnny, and it’s really weird — even in the early days, we would always think, if we got another guitar player, we’d want it to be Johnny Marr.” But by now, the Jarman

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WHAT: The Cribs with Adam Green and The Dead Trees

WHERE: The Parish

WHEN: Saturday, 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$18

Musicians credit success to chance meeting, passion

Touring with ‘enviable friends’ put The Dead Trees on path to fame

By Mary Lingwall
Daily Texan Staff

Michael Ian Cummings has one of those voices that you can hear once and remember forever. Smooth and just a little wet with reverb, Cummings’ recordings belie the popular trends in indie music. Instead of abusing the distortion pedal, Cummings opts for clean delivery peppered with passionate yells and disgruntled hoots.

Match that voice with bass guitarist Todd Dahlhoff — who’s played with the likes of Albert Hammond Jr. — Noah Rubin on drums and Matthew Borg on guitar, and you’ve got quite a band. In fact, you’ve got The Dead Trees.

In a world of PR-groomed bands, The Dead Trees’ seemingly quick success stands out as a story not of hand-picked talent and well-networked managers but of a chance meeting on a train, a passion for playing music and a really enviable group of friends — impressive for a band that started making music only a little over three years ago.

“I was going to school in South Boston, and Todd was going to school in downtown Boston, and we [didn’t know it, but we] lived on the same street and we actually met on the train,” Cummings said.

Not at all new to making music, Cummings, Dahlhoff and longtime friends Rubin and Borg began experimenting with what would lat-

er become The Dead Trees’ first EP, *The Fort Music EP*. In October of 2008, The Dead Trees released *King of Rosa* on boutique label Milan Records shortly before embarking on the first of many tours with Little Joy.

But when The Dead Trees hit the road, it’s rarely for a typical opening gig. Cummings, Dahlhoff, Rubin and Borg often played with Little Joy’s Rodrigo Amarante, Binki Shapiro and Fabrizio Moretti, also of The Strokes, during live performances.

“You do this thing long enough, and everyone is kind of connected somehow,” Cummings said. “Just because The Dead Trees has only been around a few years, we’ve all played in [a lot of other] bands. I don’t think it’s luck; I think it’s more of who our friends are.”

The Moldy Peaches’ Adam Green and The Cribs happen to be some of those friends.

“Adam Green is really the catalyst for this tour,” Cummings said. “And he is my old friend from New York. We became Adam’s band [before] we went on tour with Little Joy.”

Credentials aside, the momentum of The Dead Trees’ success is due not to their friends but to their music.

The Dead Trees, often filed under the genre of “alt-country,” actually takes cues from a variety of genres and styles. Fans of Austin’s mellow indie rockers Oh No Oh My can find familiar comfort in

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The Dead Trees have reached success playing alongside the likes of Albert Hammond Jr., Little Joy and The Cribs.

Local chefs to bring taste of Austin to NYC

Restaurant owner brings team of ‘all-Texas’ chefs to cook prestigious meal

By Layne Lynch
Daily Texan Staff

New York City is about to learn from one of Austin’s finest chefs.

On April 1, Chef James Holmes and his team, responsible for local culinary hotspot

Olivia’s, will journey to New York City to cook and serve diners at the famous James Beard House.

After being named one of the “Top 10 Best New Restaurants in America” by Bon Appetit magazine in September, Holmes and his team have been praised for their knack for creating delicious local cuisine. Since opening in 2008, Olivia has been noted for its gourmet comfort food. The James Beard Foundation

is a nonprofit culinary arts program based in Beard’s townhouse in New York. James Beard is a big name in the culinary world, noted for his French cooking and his distinguished food writing. The James Beard House frequently invites prestigious chefs from around the world to serve their cuisine to fellow chefs and the general public.

For Holmes, this is a full-circle experience. While attending

culinary school in New York, Holmes volunteered in the house kitchen.

“Cooking at the James Beard House is like the Grammys [of the restaurant world],” Holmes said.

Coming along with Holmes will be his two new chefs and two of Holmes’ favorite ranchers, Loncito Cartwright with Loncito’s Lamb and the crew

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Event tracks 17-year-old filmmaker’s experience

By John Ross Harden
Daily Texan Staff

Standing on the presenter’s stage of the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema on Sunday night, Emily Hagins, a 17-year-old director and an Austin resident, fielded questions from the half-full theater about her first feature-length film, “Pathogen.”

Though calm and seemingly comfortable in front of the audience, she remained cautious while recalling information about the zombie film that exemplified her childhood, the film she wrote, directed and produced when she was only 12 years old.

A new documentary co-directed by local filmmaker Erik Mauck that focuses on the making of Hagins’ film made its Austin premiere earlier Sunday night.

In 2006, the untrained eye would say that Hagins was like most girls her age. She lived on the computer, enjoyed hanging out with friends and experienced the occasional urge to shop. However parallel her life seemed, Hagins still stood apart from her peers in a much more particular sense.

Instead of spending countless hours filling out MySpace bulletin surveys, she chose to edit films on the family computer. Rather than hosting slumber

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